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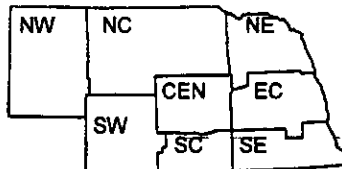
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week varied from seven degrees below normals in the northwest to one degree above normals in the east central. Precipitation was generally light across the State averaging from a trace to over a half inch in the southeast.

GENERAL

Soybean harvest was virtually complete while corn harvest neared the half way mark by week's end, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Sorghum harvest continued to be delayed due to high grain moisture levels and wet field conditions. Snow on October 22 kept southeastern producers out of the field until later in the week. Winds in excess of fifty miles per hour were recorded on Saturday causing some lodging of corn and sorghum. Sugar beet and millet harvest was winding down in the Panhandle. Other fieldwork activities included harvesting sunflowers in the Panhandle, after-harvest tillage, and working cattle.

CROPS

Corn grain harvest was 45% complete, behind last year's 54% and 57% average. High winds over the weekend

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caused lodging of stalks. Harvest activities were least advanced in north central and northeastern counties where moisture levels remain at 19-25%.

Soybean harvest rated 98% combined by week's end, ahead of last year's 93%, and the average of 94%.

Sorghum mature or later rated 95%, compared with 100% last year and average. Grain harvest was 28% complete, compared with 88% last year and about eighteen days behind the average of 66%. High grain moisture content and wet field conditions continued to delay sorghum harvest. A hard freeze would be beneficial to speed up dry-down.

Winter wheat condition rated 3% poor, 27% fair, 60% good, and 10% excellent. Emergence of the crop was 97%, compared to 98% last year and average.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition rated 3% poor, 17% fair, 70% good, and 10% excellent. Cattle continued to do well on pastures, with more stalks opening up for gleaning. Producers were weaning and working calves.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 27, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	45	36	35	54	49	41	47	52	45	22	54	57
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	94	98	98	98	98	99	97	98	91	93	94
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	100	100	97	97	99	97	93	95	93	100	100
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	38	35	48	25	19	37	27	28	15	88	66
% Wheat Emerged	100	91	85	99	86	99	97	82	97	91	98	98

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1996

Days suitable	6.4	7.0	6.6	6.8	6.7	7.0	7.0	4.7	6.6	6.3	4.7
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	2	0	3
(Percent) - Short	7	17	24	29	50	8	15	3	21	15	27
- Adequate	93	83	75	71	38	91	85	82	75	83	59
- Surplus	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	15	2	2	11
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
(Percent) - Short	3	5	13	17	40	0	6	6	12	9	31
- Adequate	97	95	84	83	58	97	93	86	86	89	58
- Surplus	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	8	2	2	6

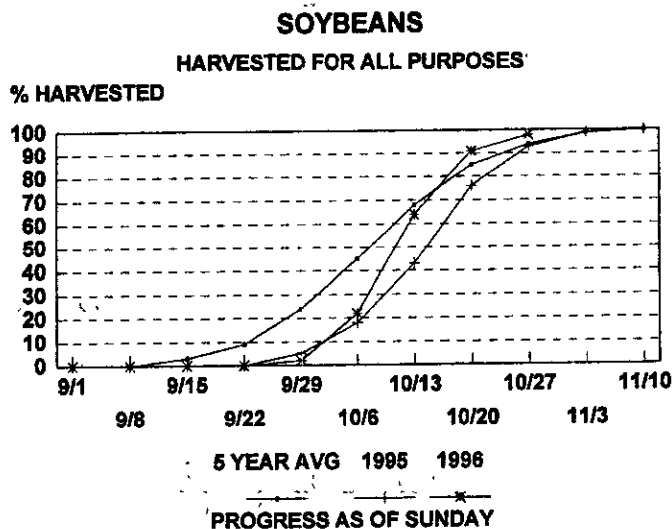
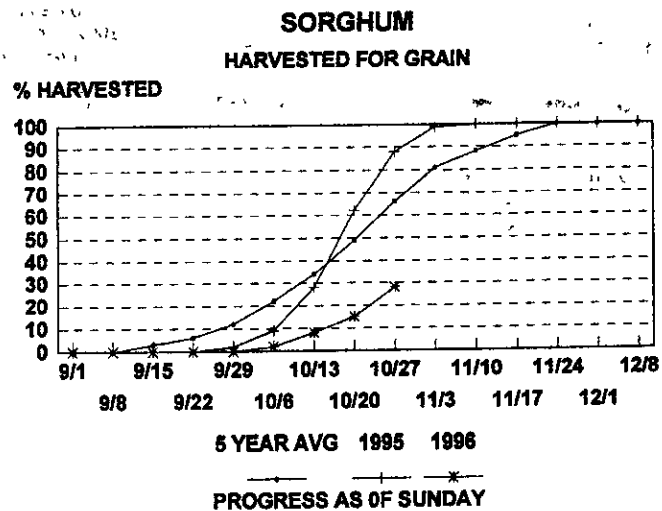
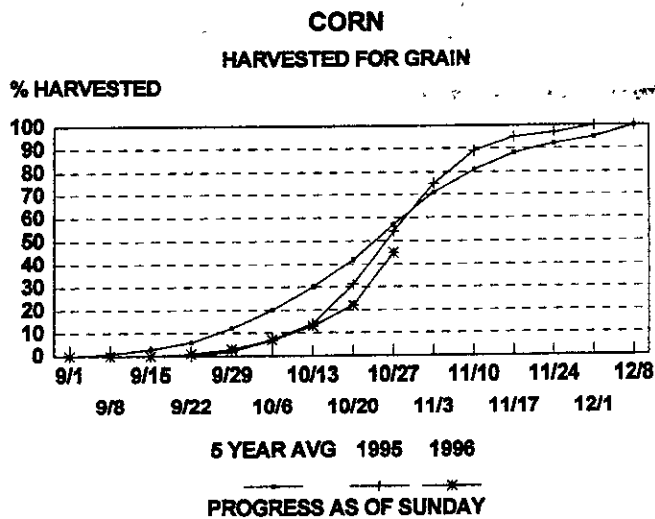
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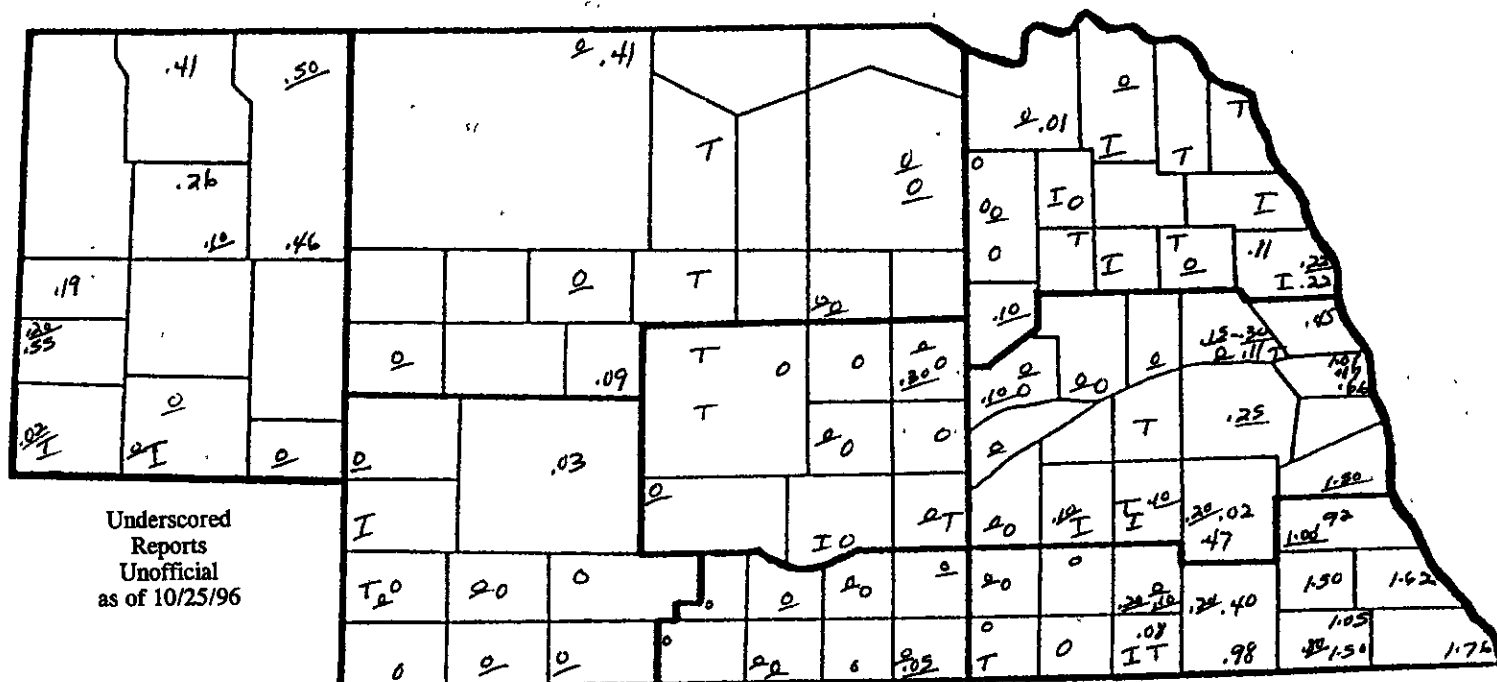
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1996



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR
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Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	65	17	41	—	.41
	Scottsbluff	63	15	40	-7	.19
	Sidney	64	21	40	—	—
NC	Valentine	65	15	43	-3	.41
NE	Norfolk	71	29	48	0	T
	Sioux City	75	30	49	0	T
CEN	Grand Island	70	30	49	0	T
	Ord	69	22	46	—	0
EC	Lincoln	75	37	52	+1	.02
	Omaha	77	32	51	+1	.17
SW	Imperial	66	20	45	—	T
	North Platte	66	16	43	-4	.03